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SUBJECT: POLLUTION CONTROL CATALOG SHOW :JANUARY 1975.

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1. SUBJECT SHOW PROMISES TO BE WELL RECEIVED. WE HAVE ORGANIZED SYMPOSIA ON EACH OF FOUR TYPES OF POLLUTION (I.E. AIR, WATER, SOLID WASTE AND NOISE) AND RESPONSE FROM UNIVERSITIES, BUSINESS AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENT VERY FAVORABLE. WE HOPE DR. SKRINDE WILL BE ABLE LEAD DISCUSSION SESSIONS AS WELL AS MAKE CONTRIBUTION ON USES OF EQUIPMENT IN CATALOGS DISPLAYED. WE HAVE ADOPTED THIS APPROACH IN ORDER TO GENERATE PUBLICITY AND TO ATTEMPT DIRECTLY TO INFLUENCE DECISION-MAKERS IN HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON DIRECTION OF LEGISLATION NECESSARY TO MAKE POLLUTION CONTROL EFFECTIVE IN HONG KONG. GENERAL CONSENSUS AMONG OUR INDUSTRY AND TRADE ASSOCIATION CONTACTS IS THAT DIRECT APPROACH TO MANUFACTURERS, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER POLLUTERS WOULD BE FRUITLESS. U.S.I.S. PROVIDING VALUABLE ASSISTANCE SUCH AS FILMS AND OTHER MATERIALS ON POLLUTION CONTROL AND PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. IN ORDER FOR OUR PROMISING PROMOTION TO PROCEED WE URGENTLY NEED SHOW BUDGET. WE MUST HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE FOR INDEXING OF WHAT LOOKS LIKE FINAL TOTAL OF 200 OR MORE CATALOGS THAT INDEX CAN BE GIVEN TO PRINTER THREE WEEKS BEFORE EVENT. WE MUST ALSO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS WITH FURAMA HOTEL. ROOM WE
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HAVE RESERVED IS IN GREAT DEMAND AND HOTEL HOLDING IT FOR US ONLY

AS SPECIAL FAVOR TO POST. THERE IS NO RPT. NO OTHER APPROPRIATE
ROOM AVAILABLE DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. IN ADDITION, HONG KONG DOLLAR HAS APPRECIATED ABOUT
4PERCENT AGAINST U.S. DOLLAR DUE TO FLOATING OF HONG KONG DOLLAR
BY HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SINCE REFTEL. THIS, TOGETHER WITH
GENERAL INFLATIONARY TREND, MAY REQUIRE BUDGET TO BE INCREASED
IF WE CANNOT MAKE FIRM CONTRACTS WITH OUR SUPPLIERS.
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